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Subject: RE: Hydrologic modeling

Tom:

I suspect folks are interested in how far the release will reach downstream (Cement creek => Animas River => Colorado River) and what will be the concentrations of major constituents at each of several drinking water intakes, and how long it will take the plume to pass. The spill was last Wednesday so constituents are already moving. To be accurate, I think a hydrologist would need specific information (flow rates, river morphology, and physicochemical properties of constituents). I heard the release was mainly of metals, which will be particle reactive and settle out.

Our colleagues in NERL (Athens lab specifically) have the modeling expertise. Perhaps speak to Jennifer?

Jeff

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Any thoughts?

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Good afternoon Tom and Ken,

As a result of the release in the Animas River, we would like to see if your offices have the capacity/expertise to conduct some hydrologic modeling based on the pulse of water/constituents? The regions are seeking information on a possible extent of deposition, etc. associated with this pulse or plume.

We can explain further to provide context.

Thanks.